

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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Calling All 4th Graders in Surrounding Counties! We want to encourage you to enter our Every Kid in a Park Art Contest and also earn an Every Kid in a Park pass which entitles your family to free admission to over 2,000 federally managed lands nationwide. Details on the contest are available at <http://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/fourth-grade-student-art-contest.htm>.

Open House on Contaminated Mine Lands Drainage Treatment on Thursday, March 10th. Join us at 4:30 pm (ET) at the Stearns, KY NPS Ranger Station for a cup of coffee and hear updates on how the park is planning to deal with some critical water quality issues.

March's Centennial Challenge Hikes include:

- **Split Bow Arch & Bear Creek Overlook Saturday, March 12th** at 10 am (ET). Meet at Split Bow Arch & Bear Creek Overlook Trailhead parking lot for an easy to moderate 1.2 mile hike.
- **Blue Heron Loop Saturday, March 26** at 10 am (ET). Meet at the Blue Heron Overlook parking lot at the end of Overlook Road just off KY 742 for a moderate 6.4 mile hike.

We're Hiring! The park is accepting applications for life-guards to staff the Bandy Creek pool this summer. Applications can be submitted at www.usajobs.gov



Big South Fork folk art featured in the Centennial One Object exhibit.

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Get Out Your Cameras for the Obed Fifth Annual Photo contest. Submission categories include Action/Adventure, Artistic, Flora & Fauna, Landscapes, and Youth. For more info go to <http://www.nps.gov/obed/learn/photosmultimedia/obed-photo-contest.htm>.

Coffee and Climb with a Ranger on Saturday, March 5th at Lilly Bridge. Join Rangers for a cup of coffee at 10 am ET. After that, rain or shine, Rangers will be leading another Climb with a Ranger Program. From 11 to noon will be a kids only (12 and under) climbing session and after that all ages are welcome.

Start Spring with a Healthy Hike on Saturday, March 19th. Meet at 1 pm (ET) at Rock Creek Campground Parking Lot to hike with a ranger on the easy to moderate one mile Emory River Nature Trail.

Help Us do Some (River) Spring Cleaning on Saturday, March 26. Bring your kayaks

and join the NPS and Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning as we ride the river and pick up trash along the way. Meet at the Obed Visitor Center at 9 am (ET). *(Note: this activity is weather dependent. Call Park HQ for more info.)*

Come to a "Flood of 1929" Ranger Talk on Saturday, March 26th at 1 pm (ET) at the Nemo Day Use Area.

DYK? The National Park Service Just Partnered with the Google Cultural Institute to share historically important material with global audiences and digitally preserve them for future generations. The Centennial One Object Exhibit (<http://tinyurl.com/hj3tlxs>) showcases one significant museum object from more than 350 national park sites including the Big South Fork and the Obed.

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